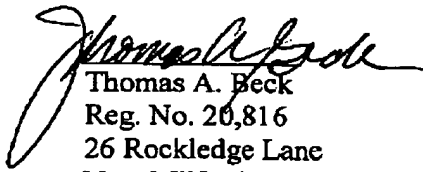


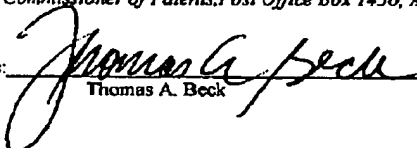
favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the substance of the amended claims contained in the prior response with the intent of putting them into an allowable form, Applicants' attorney will be glad to speak with her at a mutually agreeable time by telephone and will cooperate in any way possible.

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